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COUNTRY Rumania REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Soviet Troops in Little Wallachia

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1. A train with Soviet motor vehicles arrived in CRAIOVA R 33/34 (A 83). The following motor vehicles were observed going to the "Rumanian 1st 'Dolj' Inf Regt" Barracks and to the barracks located on the road to CARACAL (R 33/34/B 21), on the south-eastern outskirts of CRAIOVA:

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Ford passenger car, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets
 passenger car
 passenger car, driver with red-bordered black epaulets
 Studebaker truck

} trucks, occupied by 20 troops and hauling
 } infantry guns

truck with boxlike superstructure, occupied by women
 truck, carrying soldiers and baggage
 truck, carrying women and baggage
 Willys motor vehicle, occupied by five officers
 truck with canvas-covered cargo
 passenger car, make Ford, occupied by officers
 amphibian passenger car

Studebaker truck
 Studebaker truck, occupied by soldiers and officers
 truck, loaded with three large boxes, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets
 truck with boxlike superstructure
 Studebaker truck, occupied by 15 soldiers with baggage
 truck with boxlike superstructure
 truck, occupied by 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets
 truck with canvas-covered cargo

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Studebaker truck
truck, occupied by soldiers, driver with
black epaulets
truck

tracks, loaded with material, hauling
a total of five infantry guns

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truck
Studebaker truck, occupied by soldiers with
baggage
truck, loaded with signal equipment
truck, loaded with signal equipment
truck of make Studebaker, occupied by
20 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets
truck, loaded with ammunition
Studebaker truck

truck
truck
truck, carrying soldiers and baggage
truck, carrying women and baggage

truck, loaded with baggage, driver with red-
bordered black epaulets
truck with boxlike superstructure
truck
truck with boxlike superstructure
truck, driver with black epaulets
truck with field kitchen, driver with black
epaulets
tank truck
truck with boxlike superstructures
truck, loaded with gasoline barrels
truck, occupied by soldiers
truck with boxlike superstructure, driver with
black epaulets
truck, occupied by soldiers
truck
truck with boxlike superstructure
truck, occupied by soldiers, wearing black
epaulets
truck with boxlike superstructure, occupied by
officers, wearing red epaulets
Studebaker truck with mounted machine,
gun, occupied by troops
truck, occupied by soldiers, wearing red-bordered
black epaulets
truck, occupied by soldiers, wearing red-bordered
black epaulets
truck, occupied by soldiers, wearing red-bordered
black epaulets
tank truck.

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2. The following other motor vehicles were observed in CRAIOVA:

One motor vehicle of make [REDACTED] occupied by three generals
 One motor vehicle of make [REDACTED] occupied by five field officers:

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[REDACTED]
 truck
 truck
 tank truck
 truck
 Studebaker truck
 Willys motor vehicle
 truck.

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3. Soviet Marshal POLBOKIN was staying in CRAIOVA. He conferred with Romanian, Bulgarian and Hungarian military personalities in SOVORA (R 35/W 21). Fifteen other Soviet generals also attended the conferences.
4. Seven Soviet generals were observed in CRAIOVA. One was billeted at 45 Nic. Balcescu Street, one at 47 Railroad station Street. The others were billeted in the town center.

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5. Demolition charges were attached to bridges and placed at railroad stations along the CRAIOVA - CALAFAT (R 23/24/A 10) and CRAIOVA - TURNUL SEVERIN (R 23/24/S 98) railroad lines. The stationmaster of CRAIOVA received a secret order, providing measures in case of large-scale Soviet troop movements.

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b. [REDACTED]

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It was assumed from previous information that troops (2d 348 Mecz Div ?) with motor vehicle [REDACTED] following [REDACTED] were stationed in CRAIOVA in the fall of 1948:

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assumed that the troops observed in ORAIOVA on 3 August 1949 belonged to the units (2d His Mecz Div?) which have been stationed there since 1948.

c. Details

- (1) It is considered possible that the Soviet High Command may have made certain military preparations in Rumania in connection with the tensions between the SU and Tito Yugoslavia (see officer conferences, secret order for the ORAIOVA stationmaster).
- (2) It is also considered not improbable that Marshal TOLBUKHIN may have held an officer conference in GOVORA on 1 August 1949. This information, which was also carried in newspapers on 29 August 1949, may have been based on a rumor (TOLBUKHIN was CINC of the Southern Group of Forces, Rumania, up to the spring of 1947, and was later appointed CINC of the Transcaucasus MD, in which capacity he was confirmed until September 1948).
- (3) The information that TOLBUKHIN came to Rumania to hold conferences with military personalities of the Cominform countries of Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary is in contrast with the newspaper report that Marshal MOHYEV is allegedly activating a Cominform Army in Bulgaria (MOHYEV was last confirmed as CINC of Soviet Ground Forces, MOSCOW, on 1 May 1949. It called attention, however, to the fact that he was not observed among the guests of honor on Soviet Air Force Day).
- (4) The Soviet newspaper "Dio Kat" ran an article on 26 March 1949, stating that "Marshal MOHYEV was to assume the command in the Balkans following changes of personnel in the Soviet Army".

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